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SUBJECT:BILATERAL AND REGIONAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONS

1. IN SEVERAL AREAS OF THE WORLD, DEA AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS RELATED OPERATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS OR WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS. TOO OFTEN THE DEPARTMENT IS NEITHER CONSULTED NOR AWARE OF THE PLANNING OF THESE OPERATIONS. (RECENT EXAMPLES ARE OPERATION STOPGAP INVOLVING COLOMBIA; OPERATION PISCO WITH PERU AND NEIGHBORING STATES; AND A DEA PROGRAM INVOLVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO A UN PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN.)

2. OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS TO BE SURE THAT (1) ALL US NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES ABROAD ARE PROPERL' COORDINATED AND
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(2) THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OTHER US INTERESTS AND ISSUES IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE KNOW FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL AMBASSADORS FROM OTHER AREAS THAT WHEN A FIELD REPRESENTATIVE OF AN AGENCY PRESENTS A PROJECT TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR APPROVAL, THE LATTER HAS ASSUMED COORDINATION HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AT THE WASHINGTON

LEVEL.

3. NARCOTICS COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON AND THE FIELD
IN THE EUROPEAN AREA HAS BEEN EXCELLENT. TO ASSURE
THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ANY
ACTIVITY IN THE DRUG FIELD, BE IT ENFORCEMENT OR
REHABILITATION/TREATMENT, HAS RECEIVED PRIOR APPROVAL
AND COORDINATION IN THE DEPARTMENT. WHEN IN DOUBT
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